

Section 112
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

QIU ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/939,145

FILED: AUGUST 24, 2001

FOR:

Attention: Box Missing Parts
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated October 1, 2001 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 1, 2001.

A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$400 for payment of the extension fee.

In response, applicants now submit an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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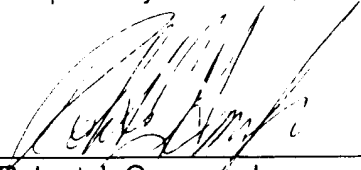
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Respectfully submitted,

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